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SAN ANTONIO has five public schools.

A church in Polk county was burned down the night of the 23rd ult., by incendiaries.

The eighth annual State Fair will be held at Houston, commencing Tuesday, May the 22d, and continuing five days.

SITTING BELL is said to have a cruel and furtive glance. In fact there is something cruel in his whole appearance that is Sioux eye-generie.

THERE is a law in Minnesota which levies a tax of ten dollars per annum on all retail saloons in that State for the maintenance of an inebriate asylum.

In South Carolina, the Hampton Justices have decided to promptly arrest and punish all persons attempting to exercise any authority whatever, acquired from Chamberlain.

John Randolph, of Roanoke, had two nephews in the late House of Representatives. They are Richard P. Bland, of Missouri, and John R. Tucker of Virginia. The latter is one of the ablest lawyers and most brilliant orators of the South.

ZACK CHANDLER says Hayes is a d--n-d fool. That he don't know the men that made him. But Zack is possibly mistaken. Hayes is only another instance of a man, when he is fairly mounted to the position he wants, kicking over the ladder he mounted on.

Missouri has made wonderful progress in material prosperity. She is now the fifth manufacturing State in the Union. St. Louis, we believe, is the third city in population, and at the next census, she will probably be the second. The day is not distant when St. Louis will be first in population.

The Graphic thinks cats should be taxed "for the benefit of the public paws." We cannot endorse a tax for such purr-pusses.—Denison News.

And to give a categorical opinion, we intend to purr-severe against any such unjust tax on Kit-chen furniture.

The Austin Leader says: "The mantle of Abraham Lincoln has fallen on President Hayes." Rutherford will look funny wearing Abraham's mantle. It will trail terribly, unless he is very particular about taking tucks in it. Where is Nast? It would be a pity for so good a chance for a splendid caricature to be thrown away.

English sparrows were introduced into the park at Macon, Ga., a few years ago. They have multiplied rapidly, and have spread themselves to other portions of the State. They are a harmless bird, eating nothing but insects. They should be introduced in Texas, where we have a superabundance of insects. The birds will thrive here.

Mr. Farr, city marshal at Hempstead, arrested a negro last Saturday, named Peter Moore, and furnished him with lodgings in the calaboose. When deputy marshal, Richard Pinckney, went to carry him his hush for dinner, Sunday, the negro assaulted him with a knife, cutting his coat in several places. He was compelled to kill the negro. A clear case of self defense.

SPICY.—Miss Cozzens, the woman lawyer, said to be pretty, was in Washington recently looking after the postmaster's office at St. Louis, made some playful allusion to Grant's having come very near appointing her to the Chief Justice-ship, "which if he had done, I would have had the honor of swearing you in Mr. Hayes." "And in that case, my dear Miss Cozzens, I would have had the pleasure of kissing something else besides the Bible." Hayes has one redeeming quality—he is gallant.

A. AND M. COLLEGE.

This institution of learning, located at Bryan, although in the early part of the first year of its existence, already has in the neighborhood of two hundred students. With a few of these we have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, and from what we know of their integrity and character, we are satisfied they will avail themselves of all the advantages to be derived from a school of high grade, and reflect credit on their Alma Mater.

Mr. Harry Rankin, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Shindler of Waller, and Mr. Charley Smith, of Grimes, are young men of fine parts, and by their strict conformity to discipline and studious habits, will reflect credit on the counties they represent. But the aspiring sons of Texas need scores of schools of high grade, and it is a hopeful sign that almost every town of any considerable size in the State, is taking steps to establish schools of high character.

The determination evinced by our own people, and the liberal spirit they have displayed in subscription for the erection of suitable buildings, is above all praise, and we allude to it now, only to encourage others to emulate their example. When this school is established on a permanent basis, and it speedily will be, the whole community will soon be able to see the promised fruits, though it may be some time before these beautiful fruits ripen. Nor will the advantages to be derived from it, be confined to our own community. The example will be lost on others. They, seeing the results of the good works inaugurated by the patriotic people of Brenham, will make haste to imitate their conduct. Our young men well see that there is more pleasure to be derived from a knowledge of history, poetry and sciences, than from a mustang race. A high standard of morals can be much more easily attained and practiced by an educated than by an illiterate class.

A British statesman once gave utterance to a great truth, alluding to a more potent personage than the commander of Her Majesty's armies being in the land when he exclaimed, "the schoolmaster is abroad." **QUO WARRANTO.**

If there is any truth in the telegrams to found in to-day's BANNER, it seems that Mr. Tilden will, in all probability, try the virtues of the ancient writ, so often employed beneficially and effectually in behalf of those who have, under seeming color of law, been deprived of their franchises.

In this connection it is worthy of notice, that indubitable evidence can be furnished from Republican sources, showing that the eight electoral votes of Louisiana, properly belonged to Tilden. This, however, is not news to the Democracy.

If Mr. Tilden invokes the aid of this great writ, it is likely there will be a new cast of Mr. Hayes's cabinet, and that Mr. Evans may find congenial employment, as Attorney General, defending the interests of his chief and patron, in the highest judicial tribunal in the land. If the suit progresses, as there is no very strong reason to doubt but that it will, there will be a different rule of evidence adopted by the court, from that which was adopted by the "high jinx," violating as it did, every principle of the rules of evidence, and shocking the ideas of the merest tyro in the law.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is early in the field with a presidential candidate. It names Wade Hampton as the coming man. The Globe man might wait a great deal longer and make a worse selection. Wade Hampton has demeaned himself with so much wisdom and moderation in the embargo in which he has been mixed, that the seal of true greatness is imperishably stamped upon his brow.

ATTORNEY General Boone decides that the County Site of Montgomery county shall remain at Montgomery. This effectually settles the question and restores order among her people.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

We had the pleasure of attending the regular weekly meeting of this club, last Tuesday evening, in the capacious parlor of the Central Hotel. To say nothing of the enjoyment realized at their meetings, it would be impossible to attend the reunions of this club, composed as it is of gentlemen and ladies of the purest culture, and the highest literary attainments, without deriving benefits that are solid, and experiencing pleasures that are refreshing.

There is nothing extravagant in this assertion, when it is remembered that the association embraces in its membership, lawyers, statesmen, bankers and merchants, men whose names are not hemmed in by the circumscribed limits of State lines. Before our foot pressed the generous soil of Texas, we heard one of the most eminent lawyers in a neighboring State assert that "Sayles' Pleadings is the best and most comprehensive treatise ever compiled on that complex and intricate branch of the law."

Gen. Sayles was the first to read. His selection was a poem, half harmonious, half serious, on the subject of the tender passion. It is employing words of supererogation, to say that his rendition of the piece was excellent.

The other parties who read, in the order of their names, were Mrs. Pen. Bassett, Hon. Seth Shepard, Miss Nora Ewing, and Bates McFarland, Esq. Miss Ewing read a beautiful poem, the theme being to cover our fallen heroes with flowers. It is a beautiful conception, and was beautifully rendered by the fair reader, who, it was plainly to be perceived, fully sympathized with the patriotic and heart touching sentiments of the author.

The interludes between the readings were filled up with music and conversation; the ivory keys being touched by fingers skilled in the art, and accompanied by cultivated voices, the music was delightful. The conversation, too, must have been animating, if one may judge from the beaming countenances of many of those engaged in the colloquial feast. Bon mots and good natured repartees, no doubt flew fast but not furious.

In Sunday's BANNER, we will give the names of the officers for the present, and the programme for the next re-union, which takes place regularly, every Tuesday night.

Whisky Drinking.

The Austin Statesman charged Dan McGary with befriending whisky drinkers—and, said nobody knew better than him how whisky had polluted legislation in this State. McGary, instead of pleading guilty to the soft impeachment, makes answer in the Galvestonian as follows:

The meanest of the mean legislatures that ever assembled at Austin, was the first born of Radical reconstruction. And the patron saints of that very dishonorable body were Morgan C. Hamilton and Lieutenant Governor Wainwright Flanagan, both of whom were elected to the United States Senate, and neither of whom were whisky drinkers.

Hamilton is a dry, crusty, narrow-minded, sordid, selfish old bachelor. He is as cold as a toad, and as full of malice as a snake. In the chambers of his heart no sentiment of love ever found lodging and his heart never throbbled with a generous impulse.

Flanagan is a drivelling, snivelling, cunning, canting old hypocrite. He used his religion as a cloak for fraud, and "preys" upon those he prays for. He robbed his neighbors in Breckenridge county, Kentucky, and came to Texas a fugitive from justice.

We do not regard a whisky toddy or a glass of beer as the sum of all villainies. Flanagan and Hamilton will serve to show that in the calendar of crime there are some compared with which mere whisky drinking is an angelic virtue.

The Dallas Herald, under its present management, is an honor to Texas journalism. Barlow's strictures upon the "trading proclivities" of Southern Congressmen should be heartily endorsed by every good democrat.

Independent Locals.

A heavy rain fell here on the 1st, inst., to the great delight of the farmers.

The grasshoppers are in myriads, though I hear no complaint of serious damage yet. In some localities they are destroying all green vegetation, while in others corn is growing finely, while the hoppers eat and devour the bar. I have watched their course and concluded that they are traveling east.

The two literary societies, the Erosophion and Philamathian, have their champion, or challenge debate on Saturday evening 7th inst. The question for debate is, "Have civilized nations the right to seize lands occupied and held by the savage?" Mr. John T. Duncan, is champion of the former, and Mr. Louis R. Bryan, champion for the latter. The Erosophions have the affirmative and Philamathians the negative.

The young men and ladies of the schools had a gallant day on Monday.

Sunday being the 1st of April, the "sells were postponed until Monday by the schools. Some students vacated the premises and others did not. Dr. Royall having given the young ladies half the day, they "formed a line of March" and charged down upon its poor timid creatures with such vengeance glaring from their eyes, swollen with rage, that we would not breathe the storm. But fortunately our brave and noble Captain, L. R. B., with courage worthy of the lion, rallied his forces—though it was with great difficulty that the routed and scattered few could be induced to face the enemy before them.

To our great delight the enemy had beat a hasty retreat by the time we were again ready for battle. Pursuit was inevitable. We hope the kind reader will not think us vain, but we could not help from thinking that it was a "nice bait" to spend the evening pleasantly together, but as it was "anathema" to us, we marched within twenty paces of the enemy, drew in line of battle, and after a most eloquent appeal from our noble Captain, recouping the valor of Texans in the hour of danger and battle, the heroes of San Jacinto ordered a retreat. We leave the reader to judge who were "phooled," we, or they. Nevertheless we bore off the "colors." The very idea of "April fool" to some of the students strikes them with awe. At seemed the young ladies "went back on them" rather than their noble instructor, as the young men at first anticipated.

Friends of Temperance.

The Council of this order in Brenham is in a flourishing condition, embracing in its membership some of the most intelligent gentlemen and ladies in the city and surrounding country. The organization numbers about two hundred active efficient members. They do not propose to spring the local option question, which has been the source of so much discord among the people in other counties. They are thus far taking what seems to us a wiser course. "They are letting their lights shine," and pleasant and attractive are the rays emitted from the well trimmed lamps of sobriety, self respect, and all the concomitant virtues.

The Grand Council of the State, assembled in this city the 5th of next July.

DISGRACEFUL.—Col. B. Trigg, County Attorney of Travis county, got on a "high lonesome" at Austin on Monday last, drew a pistol on Capt. L. E. Edwards, who promptly offered to "give him change" by drawing a small sized bull-dog. Policeman Johnson took Trigg in and conducted him to the Mayor's office, where Trigg drew his pistol and fired at Johnson, then fled. He was afterwards re-arrested by Johnson and locked up in the calaboose, where he remained until Tuesday morning, when he was arraigned before a justice on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. He has disgraced his position and should be immediately removed and vigorously prosecuted.

PROBATION has been defeated in Fannin county.

Telegraphic News

New York, April 2.—The Express says that while no proceedings have yet been instituted to test the title of Mr. Hayes to the presidency, it may be said on the authority of a gentleman who has seen the papers, that they are all prepared, and in the hands of Hon. R. T. Merriek, who represented the Democracy before the electoral commission. It is said the suit will be commenced as soon as the troops are removed from South Carolina.

Though the Electoral Commission had not power, under the electoral law, to ascertain facts not presented in the lawful certificate of election of electors the court would have power to sift the question by full inquiry into the law and the facts.

Washington, April 2.—When Chamberlain had confirmation that the troops are to be removed from Columbia, he said: "That ends the struggle, and makes Gen. Hampton practically Governor."

Chamberlain dines with the President to-night, and leaves for Columbia Wednesday morning.

Gov. Hampton expressed himself gratified at the withdrawal of troops, but said it was no more than was to be expected from the enunciations in the inaugural.

New Orleans, April 2.—The Times will to-morrow contain a statement from high Republican sources, that it has recently been discovered that the eight electoral votes of Louisiana properly belong to Tilden, and that the testimony will be furnished him in the prosecution of his suit under a writ of quo warranto.

Washington April 3.—The order of the Secretary of war directs that the troops be removed from the capital at Columbia S. C. their previous barracks Tuesday, the tenth inst.

The instructions to the Louisiana commission, are the work of Secretary Evans, and are too voluminous for republication. The first thing to which the commission will direct its attention, is to reduce the dual Legislatures to one.

Senator Gordon had a daughter born to him yesterday. She was immediately shrouded by the General's friends with the name of Carolina, because of the General's service to South Carolina, which State is said to have been born again, simultaneously with the birth of his daughter.

New Orleans, April 3.—Packard's crowd, militia and all, has dwindled down to 150. Another Senator, (Allian colored,) seceded to-day. He has a strong country following. Nicholls' Senate has now an undisputed quorum, plus three. His House has a quorum minus nine. War-month for the U. S. Senatorship is ready to come over with the required number. The Legislature remains in session until the arrival of the commission. A third party is slowly forming here under Northern auspices.

The charge of treason against Packard's recruiting officers, nine in number, is discontinued, and the prisoners released from jail.

Philadelphia, April 3.—In the operating room of the Western U. T. Co., yesterday evening, a large number of prominent citizens assembled to witness the exhibition of Prof. Gray's telephone, on which numerous wires were played by Prof. Boscovitz, the sounds being transmitted to an audience in Stienway Hall, in New York city. Telegrams were received from there at the conclusion of each place, describing the success of the transmission, and enthusiasm of the audience in Stienway Hall.

A lady named Mrs. Geo. Owens, living near Corsicana, was bitten by a mad dog some four months ago, and lank week died in the agonies of hydrophobia. The disease only developed a few days before her death.

—Headlight.

WITTY.—Once upon a time—it matters not how long since we unintentionally overheard a conversation between a gentleman and lady. He was expatiating on the good qualities, superior intelligence and general amiability possessed by a female cousin of the lady to whom he was talking. "And notwithstanding I believe her to be the perfect embodiment of everything that is noble and commendable in woman, I feel a degree of embarrassment in her presence, amounting to fear. Now I know she has a more amiable disposition than you, still I am not a bit afraid of you. Why is this?"

There was wit enough in the reply to have made the reputation of a French authoress: "O! perfect love casteth out all fear."

The telegrams from Washington say it is quite likely Congress will be convened the 15th of May.

It seems that Hayes, after dilly dallying for a month, has at last summoned pluck and honesty enough to order his bayonets from the immediate door of the South Carolina State House. They are not removed, so far, however, but that they can be taken back at any moment. They are to be kept in a camp just convenient enough to make them a standing threat; and they will not be removed any further, we suppose, until Hayes has another point to carry, and needs Southern votes for purposes that they are not yet secured for.

Which is right?

S. M. Swenson, a wealthy banker and commission merchant, of New York, steps into the superintendency of the central road.—Austin Statesman.

Mr. A. H. Swanson, who has been appointed General Superintendent of the Texas Central Railroad, is a citizen of New Orleans. He has been connected with Commodore Morgan's railroads since before the war.—Houston Age.

We suspect, that the Statesman is mistaken; and the Age correct. Morgan we know is a heavy man and moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform. But he would hardly have detailed one of the most prominent bankers of New York city to run a railroad here in Texas.

The Brenham BANNER "loke" says on Monday last fire was acceptable in sitting room chimneys. That may do at this season of the year, but in winter it is customary to have fires in the fire-place not in the chimney.—Galvestonian.

The Galvestonian man need not give himself any uneasiness about the place where fires are built. He will be sure to get more of them in the future than will be comfortable.

ON THE SELVAGE.—Hayes, it seems, is determined not to be outdone by Grant in the splashing line of business, consequently has purchased a span of match horses—spanking browns—and a magnificent carriage. Git out!

What a farce it was, says the Springfield Republican. We were told here last October that Butler must be elected to "put down Ben Hill," and recently that identical Ben Hill voted to confirm Fred Douglass.

THE Sheriff of Orange county and his posse attempted to arrest a man named Gray, and being resisted, he was killed. This occurred the 28th ult.

THE wheat crop in Northern Texas is reported as looking very promising.

A GENTLEMAN.—Show us the man who is ever ready to help the deformed show us the man who corrects the faults of others with a mantle of charity; show us the man who bows as politely and gives the street as free to the poor sewing girl as to the millionaire; who values virtue not clothes; who shuns the company of such as gather at public places to gaze at the fair sex, or make unkind remarks on passing girls; show us the man who abhors a libertine; who scorns the ridicule of his mother's sex, and the exposure of womanly reputation;—show us the man who never forgets for an instant the delicacy due to woman, in in condition or claim—and you show us a gentleman.—Ed.

Alas! How very few come up to this standard.

MILL CREEK, Washington County.

I see that you assert in your issue of March 30th, that a Mr. K. Collins, of Austin county, "has the finest colt in the State, which I don't believe. I have a colt that will be 2 years old the 17th day of April, and is now over 15 hands high; sired by Bismark, and he by Lexington. Dam—Sallie Feris, she by the Duke of Elkhorn, and he by Lexington. If you, or Mr. Collins believe what you publish, and have an X or two to put as a premium for the best colt, let it be known through the BANNER, and we will see what disinterested judges will say.

Yours etc.

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